

**Regional Summits on Service and Volunteerism – Region I**  
**August 19, 2003**  
**Indiana University – Purdue University, Indianapolis**



**Agenda**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      Registration – University Place Conference Center**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      Plenary Session (University Place Conference Center)**

***Welcome***

Mr. Joseph L. Smith, Sr., *Executive Director*, Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism

***Building a Framework for Service: A Unified Approach***

Dr. Jim Perry, *Associate Dean and Chancellor's Professor*  
School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

***Keynote Address***

The Honorable Randall T. Shepard, *Chief Justice*, Supreme Court, State of Indiana

- 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.      Resource Roundtables – Session I      (School of Public and Environmental Affairs)**
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      Resource Roundtables – Session II      (School of Public and Environmental Affairs)**
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.      Resource Roundtables – Session III      (School of Public and Environmental Affairs)**
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.      Resource Roundtables – Session IV      (School of Public and Environmental Affairs)**
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.      Networking Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      Community Planning Sessions (School of Public and Environmental Affairs)**
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      Plenary Session – Closing (University Place Conference Center)**

## **Resource Roundtables**

### ***Communities Building Community***

Volunteers across Indiana have an incredible impact on their communities. Community volunteers and the **Indiana 2016** staff will share the story of Indiana 2016 and will provide delegates with points of contact for those who might like to duplicate some ideas in their own communities.

(Roundtable times: 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m.)

### ***Cultivating Community Leaders – Youth Involvement in the Decision-Making Process***

Does your community suffer from *brain drain*? Discover innovative programs that can keep and attract young people to your community as well as teach the values of leadership, civic and social responsibility. To learn more, join representatives from **Youth as Resources of Central Indiana**, the **Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana**, **Community Partnerships with Youth**, and the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns' **Mayors Youth Councils**.

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### ***Developing Communities of Character: Citizenship and Service-Learning***

Character counts! Learn more from the **Center for Character Development** about what communities across the state are doing to encourage good citizenship. The **Indiana Department of Education** will discuss how kindergarten through grade 12 students can meet state education standards while serving their communities.

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### ***Embracing Indiana's Changing Communities***

Indiana's population is growing and our communities are becoming more diverse. The **Indiana Civil Rights Commission** will be available to discuss approaches to welcoming and involving new immigrants in our communities.

(Roundtable times: 11:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m.)

### ***Energizing Communities, Building Community***

Is your community looking for ways to revitalize its main street? Is your organization interested in a unique fundraising tool? Representatives from the **Office of Community Assistance (Indiana Department of Commerce)** and the **Indiana Main Street Program** will be on hand to present information on a variety of federal and state grant programs and tax incentives designed to enhance local community and economic development efforts.

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### ***Expanding Opportunities for Service***

Are individuals in your community wanting to get involved but don't know how? Gather useful ideas on ways to maximize and publicize volunteer opportunities. A representative of the **Indiana Association of Volunteer Centers** will offer ideas on how your community can start and operate a volunteer center or use alternative means to solicit and manage volunteers for local organizations and community projects.

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### ***Experience Counts! Keeping Retirees Engaged***

Where did everyone go? Retirement can leave communities void of leadership and experience. Gather ideas on programs to keep retirees and seniors engaged in service with a presentation by the **Executive Service Corps**, **Retired Senior Volunteer Program**, **Foster Grandparents**, and **Senior Companions Program**.

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### ***Leveling the Playing Field: The Case for Small Community- and Faith-based Organizations***

Community- and faith-based organizations play an instrumental role in the delivery of local services. Determine how organizations in your community can receive their fair share of the pie. **FaithWorks Indiana** will host this roundtable.

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### ***Measuring for Impact***

Assessing the impact of services provided by volunteers can be instrumental in leveraging grants and community support; it can also be a valuable tool for organizations to determine successes and challenges. The **School of Public and Environmental Affairs** will be available to share best practices and answer questions.

(Roundtable times: 11:15 a.m., 12:00 p.m.)

### ***National Service: What's It All About?***

Interested in building capacity in your community's local not-for-profit organizations? Find out if AmeriCorps or VISTA is the right solution to "getting things done." The **Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism** will host this session.

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### ***Preserving Our Cultural Heritage***

Culture plays an important role in the health of any community. Moreover, museums, community theatres, and neighborhood preservation groups rely heavily on the volunteer sector. Uncover additional opportunities with the **Indiana Humanities Council**, the **Indiana Arts Commission**, and the **Department of Natural Resources** on ways volunteers can expand your community's cultural heritage.

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### ***Preserving Our Natural Heritage***

Indiana's landscape is as diverse as the natural species that inhabit it. The **Indiana Department of Environmental Management** will be available to discuss volunteer opportunities for Hoosiers interested in protecting and preserving our natural heritage.

(Roundtable times: 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m.)

### ***Rural Renaissance***

The size of rural communities in Indiana continues to diminish as more Hoosiers move to more populated urban centers. This exodus has left some communities without adequate human and/or financial capital. Yet, some communities and local residents have found a way to reverse these decades-old declines. The **Indiana Rural Development Council** will share best practices.

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### ***Safer/Healthier Communities***

President Bush encourages all Americans to perform 4,000 hours of community service in their lifetime. Representatives of **Citizens Corps** will be on hand to present ideas and opportunities for Hoosiers to get involved in making their communities safer and healthier places to live.

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### ***Town and Gown: Effective Community-Higher Education Partnerships***

Is your community home to a college or university? See how some local communities are collaborating with institutions of higher education to solve critical community needs. This **Indiana Campus Compact** will host this session.

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